

# SOUTH BEND

OCTOBER 2007

*Building a 21st Century City*  
MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

## Letter from the Mayor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I strolled along Michigan Street on a weeknight in early September with 7,000 Art Beat fans, I couldn't help but reflect on this same location 10 years before. The Morris was in need of renovation, the Palais Royale had been vacant for a generation, the center of downtown at Michigan and Washington was a surface lot for bus transfers. There was no Leighton Plaza with shops, no HealthWorks museum.

Today, there's great energy downtown. New restaurants and clubs are opening because of the increased foot traffic. Businesses have expanded or moved downtown, drawn by the energy and vitality. Our downtown offers entertainment, cultural, and sports venues that are accessible, affordable, and world-class.

This downtown renaissance resulted from partnerships and targeted investment. Jeff Gibney, director of community and economic development, recently introduced a new three-year strategy that will expand this rebirth to all segments of downtown. This realistic strategy focuses the city's resources, in conjunction with private development already under way, to bring about critical, achievable objectives, which grew out of our community's vision - City Plan.

Imagine what the next 10 years will bring as we work to implement this strategy:

- A revitalized southern tier of downtown as people enter Coveleski Stadium from Western and Lafayette through a mixed-use development of restaurants, stores, businesses, condominiums/apartments and urban greenspace.
- A new Town Square at Michigan and Washington with an expanded plaza and a covered gathering area for special events.
- A new community-based vision being implemented along the East Bank, where an arts and technology district already has begun to emerge.
- An increased concentration of hi-tech businesses, bringing good jobs to the city's core because South Bend became the first city to create a Metronet, providing broadband telecommunications infrastructure.
- New retail to serve an expanded downtown residential population, including a pharmacy and a grocery store.
- An expanded Memorial Hospital complex, that stretches south to LaSalle Avenue.
- Great new downtown amenities, including a new Main Library, a hotel, condominiums and parking garage next to the Morris, and a sculpture garden outside the Century Center.

This vision is achievable; it is within our grasp. This strategy will take downtown South Bend to the next level. I'm proud of the work behind it. You can read the specifics of the downtown strategy online at:

[www.southbendin.gov/downtownstrategy](http://www.southbendin.gov/downtownstrategy)



Mayor Steve

## THIS MONTH...

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## Near Northwest Neighborhood INCORPORATED Arts Cafe

Join the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. (NNN) for the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Café on Sunday, November 4, 2007, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.** This free walking tour will feature six homes in various stages of rehabilitation, and full of charm. Stroll through character-filled homes and tents that line the walk, showcasing the diverse talents of local artists, musicians, and culinary specialists.

This year's Café will take place on Portage Ave., between Cushing St. and Lindsey St., anchored by the South Bend Civic Theatre's Firehouse Theatre. Artists' wares will be available for sale, featuring everything from watercolor, pottery, photography and lithography, to culinary delights. Local musicians will add to the atmosphere for your enjoyment.

The Arts Café is a perfect opportunity to discover the talent of community residents and to explore some of the rich architecture native to the near northwest neighborhood. Discover how wonderful city living can be!

For more information, call the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. at 232-9182 or visit us online at [www.nearnorthwest.org](http://www.nearnorthwest.org).

Visit Our New Website at [www.SouthBendIN.gov](http://www.SouthBendIN.gov)!

## **OPERATION RELEAF** **REMINDER**

The City's loose leaf pickup program, Operation ReLeaf, will begin on Monday, October 29, **on the south side of the city's southwest quadrant, and will continue twice around the city in a clockwise manner**, through November 30.

Pickup schedules will be available in the South Bend Tribune, and online at [www.SouthBendIN.gov](http://www.SouthBendIN.gov), but residents are reminded that schedules may be subject to change, depending on weather and leaf volume.

### **Loose Leaf Pickup Guidelines**

- Leaves must be raked to the curb by 6 a.m. the morning of your scheduled pickup.
- If you miss your scheduled pickup, or have leaves left after the loose leaf program is completed, you may take advantage of the City's regular Yard Waste pickup program.
- ***DO NOT allow children to play in leaf piles by the curb! They can be seriously injured by the leaf vac equipment!***

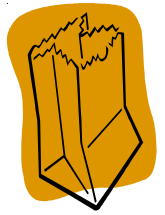
Residents are reminded that in order to protect our air quality, burning of leaves is completely prohibited in the City of South Bend and is a violation of City ordinance.

For raking guidelines or for more information, please call the Bureau of Streets at 235-9244, or visit [southbendin.gov/releaf](http://southbendin.gov/releaf).



## **FREE LEAF BAGS**

A limited quantity of leaf bags is now available at Neighborhood Partnership Centers and associations, on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call the center nearest you:



- La Casa de Amistad  
746 S. Meade St. .... 233-2120
- LaSalle Area Neighborhood Assoc.  
1146 N. Huey St. .... 245-6064
- Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc.  
1007 Portage Ave. .... 232-9182
- Near Westside NPC  
205 Sadie St. .... 245-6116
- Northeast Neighborhood Council  
803 N. Notre Dame Ave. .... 235-9675
- River Park NPC  
2625 Northside Blvd. .... 245-6028
- Robinson Community Learning Ctr.  
921 N. Eddy St. .... 631-8759
- Rum Village NPC  
1031 W. Dubail St. .... 245-6118
- Westside NPC  
617 S. Pulaski St. .... 235-5800



## **FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP**

Bagged & bundled yard waste pickup will take place weekly on a resident's regular trash collection day, through the end of November. Pickup is automatic, call-in is not necessary.

### ***Please follow these guidelines for the Yard Waste Program:***

1. Please place yard waste at curbside, in bags or containers, by 6:00 a.m.
2. Yard waste and brush must be bagged or bundled (no more than 4 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter).
3. Use suitable containers (30 gallon trash container or smaller) - *do not place yard waste in City automated trash containers.*
4. Please place yard waste at the curb, and separate from trash and debris.
5. Do not place yard waste in the alleys.

South Bend's yard waste is recycled at the City's Organic Resources Facility, thereby diverting this material from our community's landfill and providing quality mulch for reuse. City residents can reap the rewards of their efforts by going to Organic Resources to pick up high quality mulch and compost for free if you self-load, or at a minimal sliding scale fee if you request assistance with loading. Organic Resources is located at 4340 Trade Drive, off of Nimtz Parkway just ¼ mile west of Bendix Drive. Organic Resources is open 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM, Monday through Friday. Please call 287-6841 for more information.

*For more information on the Yard Waste Program, please call Environmental Services at 277-8823.*



## **THANKS & GIVING** **November 29**

Kick off the holiday season by giving of your time or resources to our community! Set aside Thursday, November 29 as a day to volunteer at your favorite charity, bake cookies for your local fire station, start a fundraising drive for a community service organization - your imagination is the limit! For a list of local non-profit organizations and their needs, visit [www.makeadifferencemichiana.org](http://www.makeadifferencemichiana.org).

*Thanks & Giving* is part of South Bend City Celebration 2007. For more information, please visit [SBCityCelebration.com](http://SBCityCelebration.com), or call 235-9798 or 235-9951.

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